

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to compositions comprising a combination of one or more antiseptic and an antibiotic. It is based, at least in part, on the discovery that such combinations tend to deter the formation of antibiotic-resistant organisms. In preferred, nonlimiting embodiments of the invention, the antibiotic is minocycline and the antiseptic is a chlorhexidine compound, triclosan, or benzalkonium chloride, and in particular embodiments, a silver salt or a bismuth salt is added. Examples of specific, nonlimiting embodiments of the invention include combinations of (i) minocycline, triclosan, and a bismuth salt; (ii) minocycline, a chlorhexidine compound, and a bismuth salt; and (iii) minocycline, benzalkonium chloride, and a bismuth salt. The present invention further provides for articles, such as, but not limited to, medical articles, which have been treated with or which otherwise comprise a combination of antiseptic and antibiotic.